(d) whether it is a fact that the quality of Indian products in the developed countries is found not upto the mark; and

(e) if so, to what extent the steps taken by Government will ensure qualitative production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI 'KAMALUDD1N AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Task Force sot up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution is presently examining this matter and will suggest suitable steps to be taken in this regard.

(d) No, Sir, most products compare favourably with, these developed countries.

(e) The Bureau has already launched quality system certification to help the Indian industry to improve quality of their products to boost exports.

Amalgamation of ISI Agmark, Wool mark ete.

2103- SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to amalgamate the ESI, Ag-riiark, Wooimark, ICAR and CSER to formulate policies and guidelines for upgradation of all domestic, industrial arid agricultural products conforming to tfee International standards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the details of suggestions received from the European Economic Community;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUTBPUEES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No suggestions have been received from die European Economic Com-rsBUity in this connection.

खाद्यान्नों, चीनी और खाद्य तेलों का जनसंख्या के आधार पर आवंटन

2104. श्री रामसिंह राठवा : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने विभिन्न राज्यों को 1990-91 की जनसंख्या के आधार पर खाद्यान्नों, खाद्य तेलों और चीनी का आवंटन किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विभिन्न राज्यों को प्रत्येक वस्तु कितनी मात्रा में आवंटित की गई है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के अहमदाबाद, बड़ौदा और सूरत के क्षेत्रों के लिए किए गए आवंटनों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) (क) और (ख) खाद्यान्नों (चावल और गेहूं) तथा आयातित खाद्य तेल का आवंटन पर राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों की मांग, केन्द्रीय पूल में उपलब्धता की स्थिति, राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों की पारस्परिक आवश्यकताओं आदि जैसी बातों को ध्यान में रखते हुए मासिक आधार पर किया जाता है ।

राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को लेवी चीनी का आवंटन सामान्यता 1-10-86 को अनुमानित आबादी के लिए प्रति व्यक्ति प्रति माह 425 ग्राम मात्रा उपलब्ध कराने के एक समान मानदंड पर किया जाता है । तथापि, केंद्रीय सरकार ने अगस्त, 1991 से दिसम्बर, 1991 तक की अवधि के लिए सभी राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को लेवी चीनी के मासिक आवंटन में 5% की तदर्थ वृद्धि करने का निर्णय लिया है ।

सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली का आवंटन अनुसूचक स्वरूप का होता है तथा

इसका उद्देश्य राज्यों/संघराज्य क्षेत्रों की समूची आवश्यकता को पूरा करना नहीं होता ।

(ग) विभिन्न जिलों/शहरों आदि के बीच आवश्यक वस्तुओं का राज्य के भीतर वितरण राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों द्वारा किया जाता है । केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य के अन्तर्गत किसी जिले/शहर को किए जाने वाले आंतरिक वितरण के संबंध में आंकड़े नहीं रखती है ।

Shortage of kerosene and essential commodities in Rajasthan

2105. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of kerosene and essential commodities in the State of Rajasthan; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government ' propose to take to increase supply of kerosene and other essential commodities to the State of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Central Government had not received amy report of acute overall shortage of foodgrains and kerosene from the Rajasthan Government in the recent past. It has, however, requested for enhancement of allocation of kerosene arid wheat.

Allocations of foodgrains to the State Govemments/UT Administrations including Rajasthan, are made on a month to month basis taking into account factors Eke demand from States, overall availa bility of stotcks in Central *Tool, inter-se* requirements of various States, etc. These allotments are supplemental in mature and the entire requirement of a State cannot be met-

Allocation of kerosene to all State Goverhments/UT Aministratioris including Rajasthan are presently being maintained at the same level as in the corresponding month of the previous year. It has not been possible to enhance ttie allocation *of* kerosene to Rajasthan due to availability constraints and foreign exchange situation.

Filling up of the posts-under reservation quotas

@2106. SHRI MURL1DHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of posts to be filled against reservation quotas for different categories and classes would be exclusive of those which fall to candidates who come by merit *to* be selected against non-reserved posts; and

(b) if so, whether the percentage ot posts to be filled on the basis of reservations besides tihose who come by merit against non-reserved posts would, under the new scheme, come to over 60 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET .ALVA): (a) and (b) Government issued instructkws on 22.5.89 stating that in cases of direct recruitment to vacancies in posts under the Central Government the SC/ST candidates who ate selected on their own merit without relaxed standards alongwith candidates belonging to the other communities, will not be adjusted against the reserved share of vacancies. The reserved vacancies will be filled up separately from amongst the eligible SC and ST candidates which will thus comprise SC and ST candidates who are lower in merit than the last candidate on the merit list but otherwise found suitable for appointment even by relaxed stan dards, if necessary.

The reserved share of vacancies wil! continue to be determined on the basis

@Previously Unstarred Question 1868, Transferred from the 10th December, 1991.